

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota is the home of George Gjerde, and we are richer because George lives among us; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, George was born November 4, 1911; and,

*Whereas*, George is proud to have served his country and state during World War II; and,

*Whereas*, George has a tremendous sense of humor that entertains all who know and love him; and,

*Whereas*, George resides in Hazel, South Dakota, with his wife, Twyla, and will observe his 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him at the Hazel Center and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 4, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and his relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health and great happiness.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.



*M. Michael Rounds*  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State